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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 30,
1974:

QUOTE:Q.CAN YOU FILL US IN ON THE STATUS OF THE REQUEST
FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT SOME MONTHS AGO -- THE SUGGEST-
ION FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT SOME MONTHS AGO -- THAT IT
WOULD RENEW A REQUEST FOR FOOD AID FROM THE UNITED STATES?

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT THIS IS NOW IN ABEYANCE IN
SPITE OF A WORSENING AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN INDIA AND
THAT THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON HAS DECLINED TO
MAKE ANY SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR AID FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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A. THAT MAY WELL BE, THAT THE SUBJECT MAY NOT BE ACTIVE,
BUT IT IS CORRECT THAT WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM,
BUT I GATHER NOT MUCH DETAIL, OF THEIR PERCEIVED NEED FOR
FOOD IMPORTS. I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET UPDATED ON IT. END
QUOTE.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN TO
THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND BECAME PART OF THE OFFICIAL
RECORD OF THE PRESS BRIEFING: THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS

INQUIRED ABOUT U.S. FOOD AID. INDIAN REQUIREMENTS ARE
UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, AS ARE THOSE OF OTHER
COUNTRIES WITH FOOD PROBLEMS, BUT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN
TAKEN YET. INGERSOLL

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